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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Group Art Unit:

3617

**Examiner Name:** 

E. Swinehart

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified

application.
Adjustment date: 04/19/2002 LTYSOH1
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JAN 1 6 2002 Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on . 0

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400 (X) CH Enclosed:

- Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b) (X)
- Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.175 (X)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form PTO-1449 with two (2) references. (X)
- (X) Return Postcard

## 2. Miscellaneous:

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) 0 for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

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3. Fees:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	51		47	= 4 ×	\$18	= \$	72
Independent Claims	5		4	= 1 ×	\$84	= \$	84
If application has been amended to contain multiple dependent claim(s), then add					\$280	= \$	0
Time Extension Fee (three months)						\$	920
RCE Fee						\$	740
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4. Payment:

(X) Check in the amount of \$1,816.00 to cover the above fees.

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(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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Reissue of

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ENGINE AND EXHAUST

SYSTEM FOR WATERCRAFT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)

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Dear Sir:

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response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2000, Applicants frespectfully request consideration of the following comments and amendments GROUP 3600 IN THE CLAIMS

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have set forth below amended Claim 27 with deletions in brackets and additions in underlining. A separate page is attached showing the amendments to Claim 27 as well as new Claims 48 -52 with markings to show changes made relative to the issued patent.

(Amended) A watercraft comprised of a hull defining an engine compartment, an engine contained within the engine compartment, and an exhaust system extending from the engine to an exhaust discharge, the engine including an engine body journaling an output shaft to rotate about a rotational axis, the engine body having at least one cylinder which defines a cylinder axis and which contains a piston connected to the output shaft, [the engine body including at least one intake port provided on a first side of a plane which contains the cylinder axis and the rotational axis of the output shaft, and] at least one exhaust port provided on a [second] first side of [the] a plane which contains the cylinder axis and the rotational axis of the output shaft, [opposite the